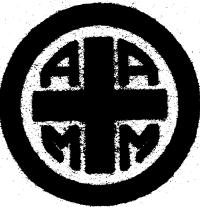


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Seasons Greetings

Message from your president
Pete I. Eitreim, R. M.

State Chapter Finances and Dues

The motivating and driving force behind every human activity in a civilized society can be stated in one word. That evil word is money. Mankind will never escape constant, merciless and Soul-destroying struggle to accumulate money, and the things which money will purchase, unless and until civilization is destroyed and the human beings who remain have returned to a primitive jungle existence. If that ever happens, they will eat of the fruits, roots and beasts (not cake) which an undisturbed Mother Nature so abundantly produces, and money will become useless and unnecessary. They will not be ashamed of their nakedness, nor feel guilty. They will drink only "Adam's ale". They will be entertained, by the roar of the waterfall and the Symphony of songbirds. They will "learn war no more". However, I am afraid that another Adam and Eve will again eat of the Tree of Knowledge, and civilization will again emerge in all its hideousness, and they will again be driven from their Garden of Eden. Such is the perverseness of Man with his unconquerable ego and his pride. Such are his accomplishments.

Well, now that you know the course of the human race, we can gleefully discuss money, as it pertains to our State Chapter. Since our 1957 convention in Kennewick, Ruth Williams, our State Sec'y-Treas has mailed you a report of the convention proceedings and a financial statement which was presented to that convention. If you examined it, you learned that the State Chapter had unusually high expenditures during the fiscal year and therefore a very small cash balance. At an Executive Board meeting prior to the convention, a report was given and certain recommendations were voted upon. First the Board voted to curtail expenditures by, refraining from sending a Masseur of the Year to the National Convention, and by reducing the size of the Wash. Message News and the number of issues per year. Secondly, the Board voted to ask the National Convention to increase the dues to \$18.00 per year. These recommendations were presented to the Kennewick Convention, where they were adopted. This convention went a step further by authorizing the State president to appoint a Budget committee consisting of himself and two Directors.

An Executive Board meeting was then held in Kennewick at the close of the convention, at which the Budget committee was appointed and a tentative budget was agreed upon. This budget was later written out in detail, signed by the Budget Committee members and presented to the Sec'y-Treas who is keeping her expenditures in line with its provisions. That is the reason why the Message News has shrunk in size and is published only every second month. In anticipation of higher dues next year, the convention voted to eliminate the voluntary payment of \$7.50 per member to the Legislative fund for this year, at least. One or more members have paid it out of generosity.

It was planned and expected that the Budget Committee would decide what percent of the \$18.00 would be transferred to the Legislative fund and the other funds. Last year, twenty (20) members paid each \$7.50 to the Legislative fund, plus their \$12.00 dues or a total of \$19.50 each. Under the new arrangement, each member would pay \$18.00 per year. This would apply to more than fifty (50) members.

The National Convention rejected the Washington State resolution which specified \$18.00, and adopted a resolution which fixed the dues at \$24.00 per year. Apparently the delegates from the various States felt this amount to be necessary. The Nov.-Dec. issue of Masseur magazine gives us a schedule of dues for both old and new members, to become effective as of August 1, 1958. I have no particular comment to make on this action, except that our State chapter will be more prosperous and can better serve its members. A legal aid fund will be created by each State chapter and by the National, which will give some legal protection to the members in case of emergency, or as determined by our next State convention. I can only speak for myself when I say that membership in A.A.M.M. will be worth the \$2.00 per month, and I hope everyone feels likewise. Our State chapter continues to make steady progress, and progress is never free. Many members who have held office, served on committees or as editors of our State paper have donated much more than two dollars per month in work and time, in addition to paying their dues and assessments. They will be the last to protest.

When this article reaches you, the Spokane and Seattle chapters will have heard tape recordings of the National Convention. If possible, I will have them sent to Kennewick also. I also hope to have a State organizing committee appointed and functioning. This is the year when everyone of us should do our best to sign up new members while they can still join at the old rates. If disaster ever overtakes our profession thru our individual carelessness or selfishness, non-members will regret their failure to join our ranks, but we members will suffer the deepest regret for our own failures.

For Sale, excess equipment

1-Howard Vapor Cabinet

1-King Vapor Bath Cabinet

1-Beauty Bath Cabinet & Equipment

1-Mediquartz Cold Ultra Violet Lamp (Mfg. by Fischer)

1-Alpine Ultra Violet Sun Lamp

Oscillation type reducing equipment

Dr. Jennie Cotner, for information
W. 918 Chelan, Spokane 17, Wash.

GREETING TO THE IDAHO CHAPTER

We are in one of the busy seasons of the year. But let us pause and give thanks to God for our blessings. And for the good year that has just closed.

Thank him for the Christ Child, who lead the way for so many wanderers down thru the ages to the Mauger of humility and love.

As we give of our gifts and ourselves in Service, we too can find peace and happiness at this same Mauger Scene.

Have you thought what gift you could give thru the New Year that we now enter, that would give peace and joy to the hearts of men and women who come with in your influence.

Let me suggest that for those who come to you for help in this New Year. You use your best to relieve them of pain, both body and mind. Help them to start a new way of living. Maybe they need a new way of relaxing, new job, new habits of eating. Even new ideals. We all get into ruts. That could be you and I. So let us capture a new and great joy of living.

Remember the nauger bed with its joy, humility and love. And go forth to win and influence those we met to great life of service.

Minutes of the Idaho meeting

November 17, 1957

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Sutton, who conducted the installation of the new officers as follows: Mrs. Minnie Keim, President, Mrs. Lela Swanson, Vice-Pres., Mrs. Mary Babbitt, Sec.-Treas.

Letter from Ruth Williams was read, permitting Idaho to put news in the Washington News. Charge \$1.00 per member, per year.

Motion by Paul Bocek, second by Lillian Johnson that every member send an item to Mary Babbitt before December first for the next issue of the Washington News. Passed.

Motion by Paul Bocek, second by Mr. Sutton to contact Frank Lasher and invite him to be present at the next meeting to discuss a co-operative relationship between his school and the Idaho Chapter of AAMM. Passed.

Motion by Dale Momany, second by Paul Bocek that secretary write the National organization and request more information as to what use the money from the BUCK A MONTH CLUB, was to be put.

Meeting adjourned and an interesting discussion on Colonic irrigations was contributed by various members.

Mrs. Keim, as always the efficient hostest served a delicious cake with yummy sauce and coffee.

TO: ALL MEMBERS A.A.M.M.

FROM: SEC. TREASURER A.A.M.M.

Subject: Results of December 6th meeting St. Bd of Health

1. On December 6th, you Pres. Sec. Treas. Past Pres. Scheid, and C. E. Sample attended the Board meeting of the State Board of Health on the 9th floor of the State Bldg., 1400 S.W. 5th St. Portland, Ore.

2. Pres. Belden took the floor and made a direct inquiry of the Board if said directive issued to all members was in effect. To which we were informed that it was retroactive to the time the massage profession was taken over by the board. After much discussion both pro and con on both sides, we thanked the members of the board for the time we took in presenting our case, and earnestly informed them that we were by no means going to sit idly by, but intend on making a change in the present massage law. It was noted by this writer that there was a murmur of voices after your committee left the room and we honestly feel we left them with plenty to think about.

3. However, upon gathering in the hall way, we meet our good friend Mr. Thomas F. Blair who asked if he could have a few words with us in his office, to which we gladly accepted.

4. It seems that the general consensus of opinions were that even tho we made no headway with the Board of Health, we at least have made a friend in Mr. Blair. Apparently the Doctors don't like to have anything or any persons using the word "medical" (which our contemporaries are using) and the term "treat", which they hold as being their private word. Hereafter don't leave patients with the idea that you are going to treat them (even tho that is the true meaning of massage) or speak in the terms of medical attributes.

5. Mr. Blair informs us that any medality which we are now using is for our own use to do with as we please. He's interested in the sanitation of place of business, our moral turpitude in the community, and that we keep 'inside' the laws at all times. Hence, it can be honestly said if in doubt of anything contact Mr. Blair whose care I enclosed herewith. Don't adv. or say you cure anything, don't antagonize the local doctors in your immediate community by word of mouth, work all the harder to give a patient or customer (which ever you feel he is) a good massage and if ever in doubt, JUST DON'T. Let the Doctors take anything which you might feel is outside the realm of Massage, cause that's his business to diagnose, also because he's getting paid more money for his services, so let him take the responsibility and blame.

6. It has been requested that a general caucus meeting of all massuer and massues and therapist, have a general meeting some time after the first of this coming year, 1958, at which time committees can be appointed to go into the changes we want made in the Massage Laws. You will be notified as to when this meeting will be held and where.

C.A. Tyler, Secretary
Oregon Chapter

Information for all Chapter members as quoted from a letter received from Mr. Gammon, Chairman of the National Finance Comm.

A motion to increase the dues from \$12.00 to \$24.00 a year was passed, but it cannot take effect until next year. Part of this fund is to be put into a Legislative fund to help any State that is trying for Legislation.

As near as I can recall the distribution of dues after August 1958 will be as follows.

\$12.00 to the national, four dollars set aside in the Leg. fund.
\$12.00 retained by the chapters, \$4.00 set aside in the Leg. fund.
The initiation fee will remain the same.

Last year with the most rigid economy the Association ran at a loss and the Buck a Month plan was invoked to help take care of that loss. It is purely voluntary. No one has to donate to it, but the money raised in this way will help carry on the great work our officers are doing.

Our officers have donated their full \$12.00. Is it asking too much for the members to do the same? I know that almost all the members have raised their prices since our dues were established. I know that any successful business has to have money. Your officers are honest sincere hard workers who spend more each year out of their pockets than they should to help this grand profession of massage and its kindred treatments.

It is hard to know what is going on unless at least one delegate is sent to the Convention. With this raise in dues you will have more money in your own treasury which will enable you to at lesst part your delegats expenses. (unquote)

Members having questions or suggestions will please write me before January 15th, so we can discuss them at our next meeting. Mary Babbitt, 1509 N. 15th Street, Boise, Idaho.

Ye old editor is finding that this holiday season is crammed full of actitivies so we felt that we had better get the news out a week earley or it would have to be a week late. Last week we made a trip to the Methow Valley to visit the old friends and neighbors Spent a very lovely hour with our good friend Ermal Rothgeb also. This comming week I hope to be in Spokane for the Ice Review and then Daughter Blanche is to be married Jan .3, 1958.

TINKING OUT LOUD

Say, "How cool you look," as it pleases a woman. Tell her she doesn't look so hot and it makes her mad.

Women are so unreasonable ~~as~~

Thought for today: IT IS THE WILL, AND NOT THE GIFT THAT MAKES
THE GIVER, Lessing
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR